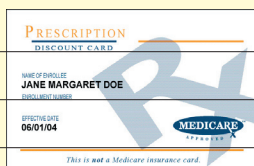


Prescription Drug Discount Card



WHAT

Medicare is offering approved prescription drug discount cards through private companies.

WHEN

Effective June 1, 2004.

WHO

Almost anyone receiving Medicare can get a drug discount card, except those who have outpatient prescription drug coverage under MaineCare (Medicaid).

HOW

To enroll, simply contact the company offering the card you choose.

- The discount cards are voluntary!
- With card in hand, simply go to a participating local pharmacy and receive the discount.

HOW MUCH

Savings of 10-25% off the cost of prescription drugs.

HOW LONG

June 1, 2004 through December 31, 2005.*

**The full Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit takes effect January 1, 2006.*

Additional Help for Maine's Low-Income Seniors

Individuals who qualify will receive a \$600 credit on their prescription drug discount card.

QUALIFICATIONS:

MEDICARE

Enrolled in Part A and/or Part B

2004 INCOME

\$12,569 (Individual)

\$16,862 (Couple)

CO-PAYMENTS

Range from 5% to 10% for each card use.

- Discounts are still available after using the \$600 credit.

OTHER INSURANCE CARDS

NOT permitted in conjunction with other outpatient prescription drug coverage plans, including:

- MaineCare (Medicaid)
- TRICARE
- FEHBP, employer-provided health care coverage

MAINE Rx PLUS

Individuals enrolled in Maine's Rx Plus should contact the Department of Health Services at 1-866-796-2463 for assistance in determining which prescription drug discount program is best suited for their needs.

**During the week of May 10, the State will determine which drug card provides the greatest benefit to low income seniors who participate in DEL. Individuals are encouraged to contact Maine's DHS.*

Choosing a Prescription Drug Discount Card

OPTIONS

Maine residents will be able to choose from 40 drug discount cards.

COMPARE ONLINE

Compare the discounts available for specific prescription drugs by visiting the federal "Price Compare" website: (www.medicare.gov) and selecting "Prescription Drug and Other Assistance Programs".

- Enter your zip code to find discount card sponsors and participating pharmacies.
- Search list of prescription drugs to determine discounted savings.

COMPARE BY PHONE

Contact the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).
- Request a personalized booklet detailing the differences between available drug discount cards.

MAINE CONTACTS

The Maine State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) can assist in determining which discount drug card best suits an individual's needs. The service is free and confidential.

- Maine Agencies on Aging (1-877-353-3771)
- Legal Services for the Elderly (1-800-750-5353)

Enrolling in a Discount Card Program

LIMITATIONS

Individuals can only be enrolled in ONE Medicare-Approved drug discount card program at a time.

- Individuals may keep other non-Medicare discount drug cards that they have without penalty.
- Individuals receiving drug coverage through Medigap or other applicable insurances may also enroll in a Medicare-approved drug card program without penalty.

FLEXIBILITY

Individuals choosing to switch to a different Medicare-approved discount drug card can do so once a year.

ANNUAL FEE

Ranging from \$0 to \$30 annually.

- Seniors qualifying for low-income assistance are exempt.

SIGN-UP

Contact the company sponsoring the discount card directly after determining which Medicare-approved discount drug card is best suited.

For Further Assistance, Contact Senator Snowe...

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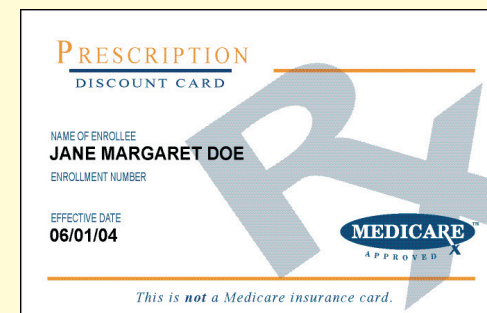
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Understanding your new Medicare Prescription Drug Discount Card:

*From U.S. Senator
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